

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on April 2, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bob Lake
Rep. Michael Lange
Rep. Franke Wilmer

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 412
Executive Action: SB 315, SB 291, SB 225, SB 55,
SB 56, SJR 16, SB 123, SB 23
SJR 12

HEARING ON SB 412

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:56 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on
SB 412, Authorize university construction projects
using non-state funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:12 Mick Robinson, Associate Commissioner, Montana
University System
00:04:06 Bob Lashaway, Montana State University

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:58 Chairman Jore
00:07:04 Mr. Robinson
00:07:15 Chairman Jore
00:07:40 Mr. Robinson
00:07:58 Rep. Butcher
00:08:37 Mr. Robinson
00:09:06 Rep. Butcher
00:09:16 Mr. Robinson
00:10:22 Rep. Butcher
00:10:54 Mr. Robinson
00:11:05 Rep. Butcher
00:11:27 Mr. Robinson
00:12:49 Chairman Jore
00:13:35 Mr. Lashaway
00:14:09 Chairman Jore
00:14:15 Mr. Lashaway

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:30 Sen. Brueggeman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 291

00:15:48 **Motion:** Rep. Butcher moved that **SB 291 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:16:47 **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **SB 291 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh70a01)

Discussion:

00:17:15 Susan Fox

00:17:31 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 291 BE AMENDED** carried
unanimously by voice vote, 15-0. Reps. Lange, Lake,
Koopman and Wilmer voted by proxy.

00:18:20 **Motion:** Rep. Butcher moved that **SB 291 CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:18:36 Rep. Grinde

00:19:00 Chairman Jore

00:19:24 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 291 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**
carried unanimously by voice vote, 15-0. Reps. Lange,
Lake, Koopman and Wilmer voted by proxy. Rep. Koopman
will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 225

00:20:45 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **SB 225 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:21:33 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 225 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh70a02)

Discussion:

00:21:39 Rep. Ward

00:22:15 Ms. Fox

00:23:08 Chairman Jore

00:23:18 Ms. Fox

00:23:25 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 225 BE AMENDED** carried unanimously by voice vote, 15-0. Reps. Lake, Lange, Koopman and Wilmer voted by proxy.

00:23:51 **Motion:** Rep. Ward moved that **SB 225 CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:23:59 Rep. Butcher
 00:26:16 Rep. Ward
 00:27:25 Rep. Butcher
 00:28:42 Mr. Williams
 00:28:47 Rep. Butcher
 00:28:59 Mr. Williams
 00:29:45 Rep. Butcher
 00:29:51 Rep. Ward
 00:30:14 Rep. Butcher
 00:30:21 Mr. Williams
 00:30:41 Rep. Butcher
 00:31:03 Mr. Williams

00:31:39 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 225 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED** carried unanimously by voice vote, 15-0. Reps. Lange, Lake, Koopman and Wilmer voted by proxy. Rep. Ward will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 16

00:33:55 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SJR 16 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:34:06 Chairman Jore
 00:34:34 Rep. Raser

00:35:06 **Vote:** Motion that **SJR 16 BE CONCURRED IN** carried unanimously by voice vote, 15-0. Reps. Lange, Lake, Koopman and Wilmer voted by proxy. Rep. Wilmer will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 315

00:36:07 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 315 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:36:36 Rep. Ward
00:37:42 Rep. Butcher
00:41:01 Rep. Everett
00:41:34 Rep. Raser

00:42:21 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Everett made a substitute motion that **SB 315 BE TABLED**. Substitute motion carried by voice vote, 9-6. Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, Grinde, Hamilton and Bixby voted no. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 12

00:44:06 **Motion:** Rep. Ward moved that **SJR 12 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:44:11 **Motion:** Rep. Koopman moved that **SJR 12 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT \(edh70a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:45:10 Rep. Koopman

00:45:35 **Vote:** Motion that **SJR 12 BE AMENDED** carried unanimously by voice vote, 15-0. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

00:45:49 **Motion:** Rep. Cordier moved that **SJR 12 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:46:28 Rep. Ward

00:46:35 **Vote:** Motion that **SJR 12 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED** carried by voice vote, 13-2. Reps. Everett and Koopman voted no. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy. Rep. Hamilton will carry the bill._

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 23

00:48:10 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 23 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:48:14 Rep. Raser
00:48:20 Rep. Butcher
00:48:54 Rep. Hamilton
00:49:23 Rep. O'Hara

00:50:12 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 23 BE CONCURRED IN** failed by roll call vote, 7-8. Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, O'Hara, Grinde, Hamilton and Bixby voted aye. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

00:51:27 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher made a motion that **SB 23 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 15-0. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 123

00:53:05 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 123 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:53:14 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **SB 123 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT \(edh70a04\)](#)

Discussion:

00:53:35 Rep. Grinde
00:55:13 Rep. O'Hara

00:57:18 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 123 BE AMENDED** failed by roll vote, 7-8. Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, O'Hara, Grinde, Hamilton and Bixby voted aye. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

00:59:02 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 123 BE CONCURRED IN** failed by roll vote, 7-8. Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, O'Hara, Grinde, Hamilton and Bixby voted aye. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

00:59:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher made a motion that **SB 123 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. The motion carried by voice vote, 9-6. Reps. Wilmer, Bixby, Hamilton, Raser, Grinde and O'Hara voted no. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 55

00:59:27 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 55 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:59:40 Rep. Raser

01:00:58 Chairman Jore

01:01:24 Rep. Raser

01:01:59 Chairman Jore

01:02:05 Rep. Raser

01:03:23 Chairman Jore

01:03:28 Rep. Raser

01:03:33 Chairman Jore

01:04:13 Rep. Raser

01:05:43 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 55 BE CONCURRED IN** failed by roll call vote, 7-8. Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, Ward, Grinde, Hamilton and Bixby voted aye. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

01:05:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Everett made a motion that **SB 55 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried by voice vote, 12-3. Reps. Raser, Wilmer and Bixby voted no. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 56

01:06:23 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 56 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:06:56 Rep. Raser

01:07:45 Rep. Grinde

01:08:41 Rep. Butcher

01:11:52 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 56 BE CONCURRED IN** failed by roll call vote, 6-9. Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, Grinde, Hamilton and Bixby voted aye. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

01:11:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher made a motion that **SB 56 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried by voice vote, 10-5. Reps. Raser, Grinde, Bixby, Hamilton and Wilmer voted no. Reps. Lange, Lake and Wilmer voted by proxy.

Additional Discussion:

01:12:10 Rep. Butcher
01:12:15 Chairman Jore
01:12:55 Rep. Raser
01:13:31 Chairman Jore

ADJOURNMENT

01:13:44 Adjournment

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh70aad.pdf](#))